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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims so that the current status of all claims in the application are:

Claims 1-42 (canceled).

Claim 43 (currently amended): A compound comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of ~~SEQ. ID. NO.: 1, SEQ. ID. NO.: 2, SEQ. ID. NO.: 3, SEQ. ID. NO.: 4, SEQ. ID. NO.: 5, SEQ. ID. NO.: 6, SEQ. ID. NO.: 7, SEQ. ID. NO.: 1, SEQ. ID. NO.: 2, SEQ. ID. NO.: 3, SEQ. ID. NO.: 4, SEQ. ID. NO.: 5, and SEQ. ID. NO.: 7.~~

Claim 44 (previously added): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 43 and a biological agent.

Claim 45 (previously added): A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 43 and a carrier.

Claim 46 (previously added): The compound of claim 43, wherein the compound further comprises a biological agent conjugated thereto.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The compound of claim ~~43~~⁴⁶, wherein the ~~compound further~~ said biological agent comprises a prodrug.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The compound of claim ~~43~~⁴⁶, wherein said biological agent is a therapeutic agent ~~is conjugated thereto.~~

Claims 49-55 (canceled).

Claim 56 (currently amended): A modified peptide ~~capable of specific binding with high affinity VEGF receptor~~ comprising a mutation in ~~a peptide having~~ an amino acid sequence ~~of a compound~~ of SEQ ID NO 1, wherein the mutation is a substitution of one non-alanine amino acid residue with alanine.

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Claim 57 (previously added): The modified peptide of claim 56 wherein said substitution occurs at an amino acid position selected from the group consisting of positions 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16.

Claim 58 (previously added): The modified peptide of claim 57 wherein said substitution occurs at amino acid position 4, said modified peptide further comprising a second mutation in said amino acid sequence, said second mutation comprising a substitution of one non-alanine amino acid residue with alanine at position 6.

Claim 59 (previously added): The modified peptide of claim 57 wherein said substitution occurs at amino acid position 7, said modified peptide further comprising a second mutation in said amino acid sequence, said second mutation comprising a substitution of one non-alanine amino acid residue with alanine at position 10.

Claim 60 (new): The compound of claim 43 wherein said amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 61 (new): The compound of claim 43 wherein said amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 62 (new): The compound of claim 43 wherein said amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claim 63 (new): The compound of claim 43 wherein said amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 64 (new): The compound of claim 43 wherein said amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 5.

Claim 65 (new): The compound of claim 43 wherein said amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 7.